

ROOT FOR LEAGUE IF IT'S AMENDED

Proposes Six Alterations in the Proposed World Treaty

"A CLEAR DUTY OF U. S."

Agreement is Necessary, but With Enforcement Clauses He Specifies

New York, March 31.—Elihu Root last night declared himself an advocate of the league of nations covenant made public by the Peace Conference, provided it is amended, primarily, by writing enforcement clauses into the articles calling for arbitration and limitation of armaments, by restricting to five years the unanimous guaranty of the present political and territorial status of members and by protecting from non-American interference the affairs of the American continent.

He made his approval contingent also upon amendments assuring periodic revision of international law and a general redrafting of the covenant in an atmosphere removed by several years from the issues attendant upon the settlement of a world war. To dispel doubt as to the right of withdrawal from the league, he favored specific reservation of this privilege to any signatory, coincident with or after the proposed redrafting conference.

If these changes could be made, the former Secretary of State asserted, it would be "the clear duty" of the United States to enter into the league agreement, in keeping with what he termed the apparent general desire of the American public that the country "do its full share toward the establishment of an effective international organization to preserve the peace of the world."

Mr. Root reviewed the league project and proposed his amendments, six in number, in a letter to Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, which Hays gave out for publication. The discussion was in response to a request by the party leader.

Text of Mr. Root's Criticism

Mr. Root, in his answer to Mr. Hays, declares: "I am sure that all of us earnestly desire that there shall be an effective international organization to preserve the peace of the world, and that the United States shall do its full share toward the establishment and maintenance of such an organization. I have not seen much real controversy about that among the American people, either between parties, or within parties, or otherwise."

"I think there should be several very important amendments to the agreement. The avowed object of the agreement is to prevent future wars. That is what interests us. We are not trying to prevent ourselves from the Paris conference. "Especially important among the amendments is Article XI, which declares war or threat of war to be a matter of concern to the whole league; Article XII, which prohibits going to war without the submission of the dispute and without allowing time for its settlement or contrary to a unanimous recommendation of the executive council; and Article XVI, which provides for the award of arbitrators (if there shall have been an arbitration), and Article XVII, which provides for economic boycott, or should the powers choose to do so, by military force. I think these provisions are well devised and should be regarded as free from any just objection so far as they relate to the settlement of the political questions at which they are really aimed."

Obligatory Arbitration Urged "The first change which I should make in this agreement, accordingly, would be to give effect to the judicial settlement of international disputes upon questions of right—upon questions of judicial law—by making the arbitration of such questions obligatory under the system established by the Hague conference, and by the proposed court of arbitration, or, if the parties prefer in any particular case, before some specially constituted tribunal, putting the whole world upon the same footing in that respect that has been created between the United States and virtually every nation now represented in Paris, by means of the special treaties which we have made with them. "The second change which I think should be made is to provide for a general conference followed by regular conferences at stated intervals to discuss, agree upon and state in authentic form the rules of international law, so that the development of law may go on and arbitration may have continually a more perfect system of rules of right conduct to apply in their decisions."

Fact Would 'Surrender' Doctrine

"With reference to the most important American question, Europe as a whole on one side and the United States on the other, occupy positions which are never friendly, are nevertheless in opposition. It must be remembered that the league of nations contemplates the membership not only of our present allies, but ultimately all of the nations of Europe. Now, Germany, which has been declared against those nations of Europe, it was a warning to them not to trespass on American territory, and admitting exceptions and speaking only in the most general way, that the nations of Europe are on one side of that question and the United States is on the other. It will add, without taking up space to discuss it, that I cannot escape the conclusion that to ratify this agreement as it now stands would itself be a surrender of the Monroe Doctrine, and that the agreement as it now stands gives to the United States no effective substitute for the protection which the maintenance of that doctrine affords. "The same thing is true of immigration. The nations of Europe in general are nations from which emigrants go to the United States in a nation to which immigrants come. Apart from Great Britain, which would be bound to look after the similar interests of Canada and Australia, Europe and America are bound to look at questions of emigration and immigration as against, external to view, and under influence of different points of view, and under the influence of different interests, friendly, indeed, but opposing."

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but there must be decision and decision must be enforced. Under these conditions, the United States cannot quit. "Favors Bourgeois Amendment "The fifth amendment which I think is needed is one suggested by M. Bourgeois in his speech at the conference, which I have quoted above. It is the provision regarding the limitation of armaments. The success of those provisions is not a matter of efficiency, but the whole effort to secure future peace goes for nothing. The plan of this league is contained in Articles XVII and XIX. They provide that there shall be a reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety; that the executive council shall formulate plans for a general agreement as to the amount of these armaments; that when an agreement has been made from each other, but will give full and frank information regarding their warlike purposes, the scale of their armaments and their military and naval programs. "Article XIX Fully Approved "The provision of Article XIX (of which I fully approve) relating to manufacturing aid or take charge of administration in new states and old colonies, necessarily leaves both the selection of the mandatories and the character of their powers unsettled. All these uncertainties are not matters for criticism, but of necessity arising from the situation. Still more important is the fact that no one knows when or under what terms the Central and Eastern Powers are to be admitted to the league. The whole agreement is a mere skeleton, and it cannot really be a league of peace in operation for a number of years to come. "Every voter in the land "is to have thrust upon him the necessity for thinking over the issues involved" in the present covenant of the league of nations, according to a statement issued by George Wharton Pepper, chairman of the executive committee of the newly organized League for the Preservation of American Independence. "So complete is the organization," according to the statement, "that no American can fail to heed the facts the new organization plans to get before the country."

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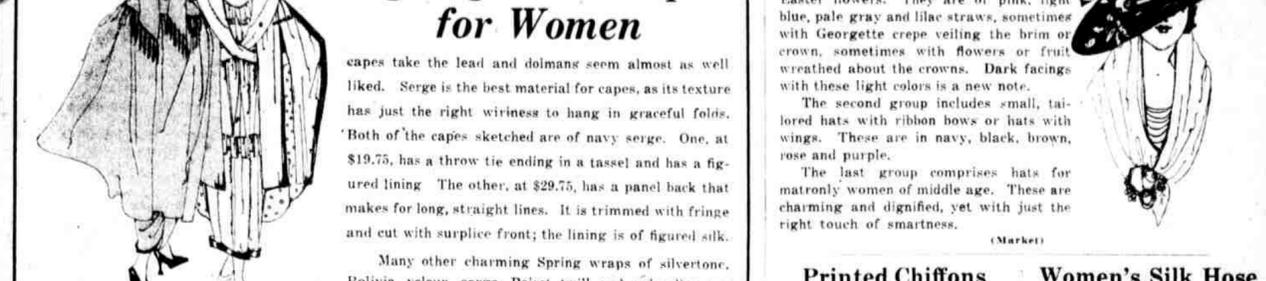
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STARTING THE EASTER MONTH WITH FINE EASTER FASHIONS

Among the Springtime Wraps for Women



capas take the lead and dolmans seem almost as well liked. Serge is the best material for capas, as its texture has just the right wiriness to hang in graceful folds. Both of the capas sketched are of navy serge. One, at \$19.75, has a throw tie ending in a tassel and has a figured lining. The other, at \$29.75, has a panel back that makes for long, straight lines. It is trimmed with fringe and cut with surplice front; the lining is of figured silk. Many other charming Spring wraps of silvertone, Bolivia, velour, serge, Poiret twill and gabardine are priced upward to \$55.

Women Who Prefer Coats will find excellent things in serge, poplin, velour and silvertone. Among them are many models suited to young women. Prices range from \$19.75 to \$47.50. Coats in Large Sizes are in black, navy and colors in sizes 41 1/2 to 53 1/2 at \$19.75 to \$47.50.

Exclusive Models in Dolmans and Capes in Bolivia, evora, silvertop, crystal cord, cashmere velour, duvetyne and such soft and luxurious materials are beautifully lined and skillfully designed. \$55 to \$145. (Market)

Women's Suits Have a Jaunty April Air

They are fashioned of many materials in an unusual number of styles. Prominent on the April bulletin board are— Gray mixed suits in belted styles, nicely lined and marked: \$16.50. A blue or brown serge suit showing much braid trimming. The top collar is of silk poplin in a contrasting color. \$18. At \$23.50, navy and black panama cloth makes another suit. The jacket has a top collar of silk rajah and rows of buttons go from the top to the bottom of the coat in back. It is prettily lined. At \$25, a gabardine suit in Pekin and navy blue has a collar and vestee of fancy silk by way of contrast. Braid and buttons are used as trimming. At \$27.50, chevelour is trimmed with rows of small pearl buttons and there are deep circular pockets. Pretty silk lines the coat. (Market)

Frocks Turn to Silk and Soft Crepe

Foulard comes into its own in Springtime, and each day sees some charming new frocks made of it. The dress sketched is one of the newest. It is in black, navy or Copenhagen grounds with white figures and white silk pipings. The neck is square, and both overskirt and bodice are trimmed with pearl buttons. \$22.50. Fluttering Georgette Crepe at \$25 Here are four new ways of making these pretty frocks. Beads are the favorite trimming, and almost all the dresses are made with overskirts. In navy and taupe, mostly. (Market)

BURLESON AGAIN ACCUSED

Postal Telegraph Organ Involves Postmaster General in Bell "Job" "New York, March 31.—Under the caption, "A Gigantic Job," the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, in the April issue, makes the charge that Postmaster General Burleson has committed himself to an increase of \$30,000,000 in the telephone rates of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and that it is his intention to increase the local exchange telephone rates all over the country. "Mr. Burleson is accused of being a close friend of Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, to the end that the future conduct of the telephone business along the line of increased rates will be directed by Mr. Vail and not by the government, because "what Vail says goes with Burleson." "The article quotes from the annual report of the Bell Telephone Company just issued to sustain its accusation of a "job" in which the Postmaster General is involved. "Many more than the required number of officers are making the transatlantic trip on the captured craft."

Springtime Fabrics in Fine Selection

Fancy Voiles They are 35c a yard and 38 inches wide. The colorings are varied and delightful and there are close to a hundred different patterns. Among them the much liked foulard designs in many pleasing dark color combinations that people are asking for. Light colorings, too. Plain Color Voiles 29c a yard and 38 inches wide, and so special that they are unable to procure more to sell at this price. They are highly mercerized and in such lovely colors as tea rose, pink, lavender, cadet blue and a good supply of smoke gray that is so desirable. Organadies At 39c is a sheer organdie that comes in seven colors, orchid, rose, canary, light blue, tan, cadet blue and green. At 55c is a better quality organdie in the same desirable colors. Both are 40 inches wide and are regularly at least one-third more. White Batiste A sheer quality, 36 inches wide, is special at 39c a yard. (Central)

Street Shoes for Women

Here are six different styles that will be most serviceable and comfortable for walking in; all have welted soles. Tan calfskin with dark brown cloth tops and medium heels are \$6.90. Black kidskin shoes with medium heels are \$4.90. Black calfskin oxford ties have medium heels and are \$5.90 a pair. Black patent leather oxford ties with high curved heels are \$5.90 a pair. Dark tan calfskin oxford ties with medium heels are \$5.40. Brown kidskin high cut lace shoes with high curved heels are \$5.75 a pair. (Central)

Special for Men—\$2.90 a Pair

There is good choosing in black or tan leather shoes on English lasts. Special for Girls—\$4.90 a Pair Black calfskin lace shoes have welted soles and low heels. Also good choosing among children's shoes at \$3 to \$4. (Central)

Right on the Eve of House-Cleaning the Down Stairs Rug Store Comes Forward With a Fine Stock of Rugs at Less Than Market Prices

Seamless Wool Velvet Rugs This is a special purchase, even better than the one we had a few weeks ago that disappeared so quickly. 6x9 ft., \$22.50 9x12 ft., \$39.50 8x10.6 ft., \$37.50 11x12 ft., \$57.50 Gingham Rag Rugs 24x36 inches, \$1 4x 7 ft., \$4 25x60 inches, \$1.25 6x 9 ft., \$7.50 30x60 inches, \$2 8x10 ft., \$11.50 36x72 inches, \$2.50 9x12 ft., \$14.50 Old-Fashioned Rag Rugs Woven on Hand Looms 24x36 inches, 75c 4x 7 ft., \$3.75 25x60 inches, \$1 6x 9 ft., \$6.50 27x64 inches, \$1.25 8x10 ft., \$9.50 30x60 inches, \$1.50 9x12 ft., \$13.50 36x72 inches, \$2 9x15 ft., \$20 12x15 ft., \$25 (Central)

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Five Hundred Delightful New Hats at \$8 Hats of three types go to make up this interesting collection of pretty things. First, broad-brimmed hats in light, Summer colorings that make one think of Easter flowers. They are of pink, light blue, pale gray and lilac straws, sometimes with Georgette crepe veiling the brim or crown, sometimes with flowers or fruit wreathed about the crowns. Dark facings with these light colors is a new note. The second group includes small, tailored hats with ribbon bows or hats with wings. These are in navy, black, brown, rose and purple. The last group comprises hats for matronly women of middle age. These are charming and dignified, yet with just the right touch of smartness. (Market)

Printed Chiffons for Lovely Summer Frocks This airy material is to be had in many pretty all-over designs in light colorings on white grounds. Many pretty blues are among them. 40 inches in width. \$1.35 a yard. (Central)

Silks Spread Out Their Gleaming Lengths Crepe de chine in light and dark colorings, 38 inches wide, is \$1.55 a yard. Printed lining satin for new suits and coats is in navy, gray, taupe, brown and green grounds, 35 inches wide, at \$2. Soft messaline in many shades—plenty of navy blue—is 35 inches wide and \$1.55 a yard. Printed foulards in the fresh spring patterns and pretty colorings are 35 inches wide and \$1.85 and \$2.25 a yard. (Central)

Women's Silk Hose 60c a Pair in black, cordovan and white with re-enforced toe and heel and double garter top. They are "seconds," but with such slight imperfections that are hardly noticeable. Bloomers Special at 50c Of either pink or white knitted cotton of extra heavy quality with strong elastic at the top and knees. "Seconds" because of small imperfections. (Central)

A Full Selection of Bon Ton Corsets for Spring This corset, always a popular one, is in coutil and broche, white or pink, in styles that will suit any figure, from the slight figure of the young girl just starting to wear corsets to the full figure that requires a long and heavily boned model. The materials are firm and good and some are trimmed with lace or embroidery. Some styles have the elastic band at the top which is so comfortable in a topless corset, others have V-shaped elastic inserts over the hips. There are low and medium busts and long and short skirt models; in fact, every for the average woman. (Central)

New Unusual Camisoles They are made of soft, lustrous taffeta in stripes, checks and flowery patterns in delicate colorings. The shoulder straps are of ribbon and the effect of one of these camisoles under a sheer blouse is very pretty. \$2. Beneath Dark Frocks or blouses of Georgette crepe many women want a dark camisole. These of heavy satin in navy blue or black with elastic and hemstitching around the top are just for that purpose. \$1.50. (Central)

Faille Poplin Skirts Special at \$10 They are lovely skirts for Spring and Summer wear for women who like light silk things. These are in two unusual plaids in peacock or navy blue, tan, gold, gray and victory red on oyster white grounds. The unusual belt and pockets are trimmed with large pearl buttons. Sketched. Wool Jersey Skirts, Special at \$12.50 are made in a good style in tan, peacock blue and white. It is unusual to get skirts like these, just at the beginning of their season, at special prices. (Market)